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**Via U.S. Mail and E-mail**

Jim Shalleck, Chairman  
Montgomery County Board of Elections  
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Re: Modification of Provisional Ballot Application

Dear Mr. Shalleck:

Thank you for your letter concerning the revision to the provisional ballot application to improve clarity. I appreciate the opportunity to examine the instructions and application for provisional voters.

As you stated in your letter, the language in Part 2, #2 of the provisional application is not consistent with the instructions on the provisional application. After reviewing your concern, it has been determined to update the language in Part 2, #2 of the provisional application.

Currently, the language in Part 2, #2 states:

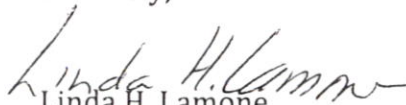
*"Your ballot should match the party you selected in Part 1. If you pick a ballot for another party, your ballot will be rejected."*

In the future, the language in Part 2, #2 will state:

*"Check the party printed on your voter authority card. If you check a party other than the one printed on your voter authority card (given to you by an election judge), your ballot will not be counted."*

I hope this revision to the provisional ballot application will address the concerns stated in your letter.

Sincerely,

  
Linda H. Lamone  
State Administrator

cc: Nikki Charlson  
Erin Perrone